

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 20, 22-24, 28, 29, 31, 33-41, 43, 45-48 and 50 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 20, 22-24, 28, 47, 48, and 50 have been cancelled by amendment.

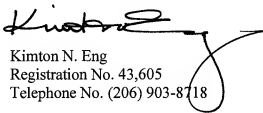
In the Office Action dated June 24, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 24, 28, 47, 48 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as invention. The Examiner further rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 20, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 101. The Examiner allowed claims 29, 31, 33-41, 43, 45 and 46.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 20, 22-24, 28, 47, 48, and 50 have been cancelled to expedite the allowance of allowable subject matter. The cancellation of claims, however, should not be interpreted as reflecting Applicants' belief that the subject matter of the unamended claims is unpatentable, or that the Applicants have forfeited the subject matter of the unamended claims. Moreover, Applicants have not addressed the merits of the Examiner's rejection of the claims. Therefore, the presumption that Applicants have tacitly acknowledged the merit of the rejections should not be made.

All claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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